

Docket No.: 278363US0PCT

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/552,465 Applicants: Takao HARADA, et al.

Filing Date: October 7, 2005

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING IMPROVED COAL FOR USE IN METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING REDUCED METAL AND SLAG CONTAINING OXIDIZED NONFERROUS

METAL

Group Art Unit: 1793 Examiner: ZHU, W.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

LETTER CHINESE OFFICE ACTION

Credit card payment is being made online (if electronically filed), or is attached hereto (if paper filed), in the amount of \$0.00 to cover any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, L.L.P.

Richard .. Treanor

Registration No. 36,379

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone) (703) 413-2220 (fax) (OSMMN 10/09)

Jay E. Rowe, Jr., Ph.D. Registration No. 58,948